

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-8 are currently pending in this Application.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant's Information Disclosure Statements, filed on August 19, 2005 have been considered. Please refer to Applicant's copies of the 1449 submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

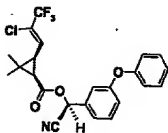
The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a), which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections, set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 034 954.
The present invention is directed to a process of preparing gamma-cyhalothrin,



comprising steps: chlorinating compounds of Formula



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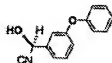


give

; esterifying



with



to form the gamma-cyhalothrin.

Determination of the scope and content of the prior art (MPEP §2141.01)

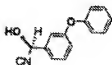
EP 0304954 A2 in Example 19, page 37 teach process for preparing cyhalothrin by

reaction compounds of Formula



with (S)-cyanohydrin of 3-phenoxy benzaldehyde

of Formula



Ascertainment of the difference between the prior art and the claims (MPEP §2141.02)

The difference between the invention of the present application and example 19 of EP 0304954 A2 is that in the claims of this application the acid is converted into the corresponding acid chloride which is then reacted with alcohol to give the desired gamma-cyhalothrin, whereas

in Example 19 of EP 0304954 A2, acid is directly treated with alcohol to give the desired product.

Finding of prima facie obviousness—rational and motivation (MPEP §2142-2413)

EP 0304954 A2, teach that pyrethroids can be prepared not only by condensation of the acid with the (S)-cyanohydrin of 3-phenoxy benzaldehyde , but also discloses the option of performing the esterification by treatment of (S)-cyanohydrin of 3-phenoxy benzaldehyde with the acid halide (See page 21, lines 22-30). Therefore, in the absence the showing of unobvious results, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art the acid to acid chloride before the reaction with alcohol as is suggested by EP 0304954 A2.

Telephone Inquiry

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